

## Ebola Update: August 20, 2014

**Healix is closely monitoring the current outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, and will be sending regular updates and advice to our clients as the outbreak continues.**

### **Update:**

- Researchers at the National Institutes of Health are accelerating human clinical trials for a new Ebola vaccine with hopes to finish Phase 1 of testing by the end of November 2014 as opposed to January 2015, as originally scheduled. The vaccine, known as a chimpanzee adenovirus vector vaccine, has been in the works for years and has previously shown promising results in nonhuman primates.
- Liberia's president has declared a curfew and ordered security forces to ensure no one goes in or out of West Point, an area of the capital attacked over the weekend, in hopes of curbing the spread of the virus.
- A patient in Sacramento, California, USA is being tested for potential exposure to the Ebola virus. The CDC will test the blood samples.

### **Clinics and Facilities Status in Affected Areas**

Healix is in direct communication with those medical facilities that are still operating in the impacted regions. Please contact Healix directly for further information on the readiness of medical facilities in these areas.

### **Country Travel Advice Status**

Sierra Leone: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"  
Guinea: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"  
Liberia: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"  
Nigeria: Alert Level 2 - Healix Recommend "Practice Enhanced Precautions"

### **Other African Nations Unaffected by Ebola**

Healix recommend that travellers take usual precautions with vaccinations and travel arrangements but should be familiar with ["Ebola Precautions if Traveling to Africa."](#)

- Ebola Infection Table by Country (Updated as of 19 August):

<b>Country</b>	<b>Suspected and Confirmed Case Count</b>	<b>Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths</b>	<b>Laboratory Confirmed Cases</b>
Sierra Leone	848	365	775
Liberia	834	466	200
Guinea	543	394	396
Nigeria	15	4	12
Spain*	1	1	0
United States*	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,383</b>

\*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries